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COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND	)	
COMPUTER-READABLE	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM	)	March 31, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the listed document, the Examiner is directed to the English-language abstract attached thereto, and to pages 1 et seq of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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Source of IDS Information

The attached Information Disclosure Statement:

☒ Cites information forwarded in correspondence from the client dated  
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☐ Cites information from our in-house inventor search.

☐ Other (provide brief explanation).

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